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Sir:

Please advise, in writing, as to the current status of the above-captioned application.

A Response to Restriction Requirement was filed on September 8, 2004 and to date no Official Action has been received by the undersigned.

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